

of the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 841. To require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 49 days after the vacancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1311. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Scope Waiver for Intangibles Accounting Method Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2005-17) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1312. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—January 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-22) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1313. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State and Local General Sales Tax Deduction" (Notice 2005-31) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1314. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Amended Returns" (TD 9186) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1315. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Coordinated Issue: Losses Reported from Inflated Basis Assets from Lease Stripping Transactions" (Uniform Issue List Number: 9226.01-00) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1316. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transaction Relief for Certain Partnerships and Other Pass-Thru Entities under Section 470" (Notice 2005-29) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1317. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice-Dollar Approximate Separate Transactions Method" (Notice 2005-27) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1318. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch,

Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sections 142(a)(14); 142(1)—Project Nominations under the Brownfields Demonstration Program for Qualified Green Building and Sustainable Design Projects" (Notice 2005-28) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1319. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Deposits Made to Suspend the Running of Interest on Potential Underpayments" (Rev. Proc. 2005-18) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1320. A communication from the Chief, Publication and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Disclosure of Return Information to the Bureau of the Census" ((RIN1545-BE01) (TD 9188)) received on March 16, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-34. A resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio relative to the protection of the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) from the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

Whereas, the DSCC is the twelfth largest employer in central Ohio, employing more than six thousand Ohioans; and

Whereas, the DSCC is known throughout the world by more than twenty-four thousand military and civilian customers as one of the largest suppliers of weapons systems parts; and

Whereas, the proud men and women of our armed forces rely on the proven competence, efficiency, and effectiveness of the DSCC; and

Whereas, the DSCC is economically vital to central Ohio, managing almost two million items and accounting for more than two billion dollars in annual sales; and

Whereas, the employees of the DSCC, along with the employees' family members, are active members of central Ohio's communities, schools, and neighborhoods' and

Whereas, State and local leaders and leaders from businesses, organizations, and various associations around central Ohio have formed a team, known as "Team DSCC," to promote and preserve the DSCC. "Team DSCC" has made strong efforts to save DSCC from closure, which include increasing local- and federal-level advocacy, increasing awareness about DSCC, and striving to relocate military personnel to the base: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, The members of the Senate offer support of the Defense Supply Center Columbus, its mission, and its employees, recognizing that they are an integral part of central Ohio's economy and community, as well as the nation's defense. The members of the Senate join "Team DSCC" in recognizing and promoting the current capabilities and future growth opportunities of the DSCC. The members of the Senate stand ready to assist as necessary to protect the DSCC from the Base Realignment and Closure process; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Senate transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of Defense, to the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United States Senate, and to the news media of Ohio.

POM-35. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Seattle, Washington relative to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

POM-36. A resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Seattle, Washington relative to the federal government's proposal to charge market rates for electricity sold by the Bonneville Power Administration to its preference customers; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments:

S. 48. A bill to reauthorize appropriations for the New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail Route, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-41).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment:

S. 182. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Uintah Research and Curatorial Center for Dinosaur National Monument in the States of Colorado and Utah, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-42).

By Mr. SPECTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 188. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2005 through 2011 to carry out the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program.

S. 589. A bill to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 667. An original bill to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Anthony Joseph Principi, of California, to be a Member of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

\*John Paul Woodley, Jr., of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

\*George M. Dennison, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

\*James William Carr, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.

\*Kiron Kanina Skinner, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Security Education Board for a term of four years.